

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates up in 120 counties from May 2008 to May 2009

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EDITOR'S NOTE: May's preliminary and April's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/May09charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in all 120 Kentucky counties between May 2008 and May 2009, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 7.7 percent. It was followed by Woodford County, 7.8 percent; Calloway County, 8.2 percent; Oldham County, 8.3 percent; McCracken County, 8.6 percent; Carlisle County, 8.7 percent; Boyd County, 8.8 percent; Bourbon and Franklin counties, 9 percent each; and Ballard, Hickman and Jessamine counties, 9.1 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 17.4 percent; Trigg County, 16.2 percent; Bath County, 16 percent; Powell County, 15.7 percent; Allen County, 15.1 percent; Butler County, 15 percent; Menifee County, 14.7 percent; and Lewis and Monroe counties, 14.6 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and

unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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